

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3211

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ARA/CAR (FOR PIERCE), AID/OFDA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SWEL, EAID, AC

SUBJ: ANTIGUAN DROUGHT

REF: STATE 172949

1. POST HAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED ANY REQUEST FROM GOA FOR ASSISTANCE IN COPING WITH PRESENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS. GOA OFFICIAL (ERIC CHALLENGER) CONTACTED 23 JULY BY EMBOFF WAS UNAWARE OF AITKEN'S ACTIVITIES (SEE REFTEL) OR OF ANY IMMEDIATE GOA PLANS TO MAKE ASSISTANCE REQUEST TO USG.

2. ACCORDING TO CHALLENGER, PREMIER V.C. BIRD STATED PUBLICALLY LAST WEDNESDAY (20 JULY) THAT ISLAND'S MOTHBALLED DESALINIZATION PLANT WOULD BE FUNCTIONING BY TODAY. HOWEVER NEITHER CHALLENGER NOR C.O. USNAVFAC ANTIGUA KNOW IF IN FACT PLANT IS NOW PRODUCING. (WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO REACH DEP. PREMIER LESTER BIRD AND DEP BRITISH GOV'T REP IAN THOW.)

3. ACCORDING OUR INFO WATER SITUATION IN ANTIGUA IS SERIOUS - PERHAPS WORST IN LAST FEW YEARS - AND MUCH OF THE ISLAND APPARENTLY IS NOW WITHOUT REGULAR WATER SUPPLY.

4. EMBOFF WILL TRAVEL TO ANTIGUA 24 JULY AND EMBASSY WILL REPORT  
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FURTHER WHEN MORE DETAILED INFOR IS AVAILABLE.  
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